

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 144

Introduced by Assembly Member Coto

January 17, 2007

An act to add and repeal Section 60860 of the Education Code, relating to pupil testing.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 144, as introduced, Coto. Pupil testing: high school exit examination: Franklin-McKinley School District.

Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to develop a high school exit examination in English language arts and mathematics in accordance with state academic content standards. Existing law requires each pupil completing grade 12 to successfully pass the high school exit examination as a condition of receiving a graduation diploma or a condition of graduation from high school, unless the pupil is otherwise exempted. Existing law requires each pupil to take the high school exit examination in grade 10 and authorizes a pupil to take the exit examination during each subsequent administration, until each section of the exit examination has been passed.

This bill would require the State Department of Education, commencing on January 1, 2008, to provide the mathematics portion of the high school exit examination to the Franklin-McKinley School District for administration to pupils enrolled in grade 8 on the dates designated by the Superintendent for the administration of that portion of the examination to pupils in grade 10. The bill would authorize the district to administer the mathematics portion of the examination on those dates designated by the Superintendent to pupils enrolled in grade

8 in the district. The bill would prohibit the district from administering the mathematics portion of the examination to a pupil in grade 8 more than one time during a school year. The bill would declare that a pupil who passes the mathematics portion of the examination has passed that portion of the examination for purposes of satisfying the requirement for receipt of a diploma of graduation or the condition of graduation from high school, and cannot be required to retake the mathematics portion of the examination. The bill would repeal those provisions on January 1, 2010.

This bill would declare that, due to special circumstances applicable to the Franklin-McKinley School District, a general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution, and the enactment of a special statute is therefore necessary.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 60860 is added to the Education Code,
2 to read:
3 60860. (a) Commencing on January 1, 2008, the department
4 shall provide the mathematics portion of the high school exit
5 examination to the Franklin-McKinley School District for
6 administration on the dates designated by the Superintendent for
7 the administration of that portion of the examination to pupils in
8 grade 10.
9 (b) The Franklin-McKinley School District may administer to
10 pupils enrolled in grade 8 in the district, the mathematics portion
11 of the high school exit examination, on the dates designated by
12 the Superintendent for the administration of that portion of the
13 examination to pupils in grade 10. The district shall not administer
14 the mathematics portion of the examination to a pupil enrolled in
15 grade 8 in the district more than one time during a school year.
16 (c) A pupil who passes the mathematics portion of the
17 examination pursuant to this section shall have passed that portion
18 of the examination for purposes of satisfying the requirement for
19 receipt of a diploma of graduation or the condition of graduation
20 from high school, and shall not be required to retake the
21 mathematics portion of the examination.

1 (d) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2010,
2 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that
3 is enacted before January 1, 2010, deletes or extends that date.

4 SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law
5 is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable
6 within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California
7 Constitution because of the unique circumstances that have resulted
8 in the Franklin-McKinley School District being a low-income,
9 urban school district that needs additional ways to motivate pupils
10 to succeed in grade 8 and to prepare for high school and
11 postsecondary education.